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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims priority from International Application PCT/IB98/00212, filed February 5, 1998, which designates the United States and which claims priority from Australian Patent Application PO9481/97, filed September 26, 1997, Australian Patent Application PO6329/97, filed April 21, 1997 and Australian Patent Application PO4953/97, filed February 6, 1997. --

✓ At page 9, line 28, please rewrite "Figure 9 is a copy of" and insert therefor --Figures 9A-9J present--.

✓ At page 10, line 6, please delete "Figure 10 is" and insert therefor --Figure 10A-10N depict--.

✓ At page 15, line 2, please delete "Figures 9 or 10" and replace with --Figures 9A-9J or 10A-10N--.

✓ At page 15, line 7, please delete "Figures 9 or 10" and replace with --Figures 9A-9J or 10A-10N--.

✓ At page 16, line 7, please rewrite "Figure 9" as --Figures 9A-9J--.

✓ At page 22, line 25, please delete "Figures 9 or 10" and replace with --Figures 9A-9J or 10A-10N--.

✓ At page 23, line 15, please delete "Figures 9 or 10," and replace with --Figures 9A-9J or 10A-10N,--.

✓ At page 28, line 6, please delete "Figures 9 or 10" and replace with --Figures 9A-9J or

10A-10N--.

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At page 26, line 26, please delete "Figure 9" and replace with --Figures 9A-9J--.

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At page 26, line 26, please delete "Figure 10" and replace with --Figures 10A-10N--.

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At page 45, line 23, please rewrite "(Figure 9)." as --(Figures 9A-9J).--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-44 (as presented under PCT Article 34 during International Phase of this application) as follows:

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In claim 5, first line, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and replace with --claim 1--.

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In claim 6, first line, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and replace with --claim 1--.

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In claim 7, first line, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and replace with --claim 1--.

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In claim 8, first line, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 7" and replace with --claim 1--.

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In claim 10, first line, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 7" and replace with --claim 1--.

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In claim 12, first line, please delete "or 11".

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In claim 13, first line, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 12" and replace with --claim 1--.

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In claim 14, first line, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 13" and replace with

--claim 1--.

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In claim 21, first line please delete "any one of claims 16 to 20" and replace with

--claim 16--.

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In claim 22, first line, please delete "any one of claims 16 to 20" and replace with

--claim 16--.

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In claim 23, first line, please delete "any one of claims 16 to 20" and replace with

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In claim 24, first line, please delete "any one of claims 16 to 20" and replace with

--claim 16--.

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In claim 26, first line, please delete "any one of claims 16 to 23" and replace with

--claim 16--.

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In claim 28, first line, please delete "claims 26 or 27" and replace with --claim 26--.

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In claim 40, second and third lines, please delete "any one of claims 33 to 38" and replace with --claim 33--.

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In claim 40, third line, please delete "the primer pairs according to claims 39 or 40" and replace with ~~a primer pair comprising at least one of said primers--~~

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In claim 42, second and third lines, please delete "any one of claims 34 to 37" and replace with --claim 34--.

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In claim 42, third line, please delete "the primer pairs according to claims 38 or 39" and

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replace with ~~a primer pair comprising at least one of said primers~~ ✓

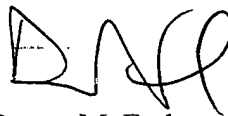
In claim 43, first line, please delete "any one of claims 40 to 42" and replace with --claim 40--.

Please enter new claim 45:

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-- 45. The kit according to claim 42 comprising one or more isolated primer pairs, wherein both primers of a primer pair is provided in the same compartment at a relative concentration suitable for the amplification of plastid DNA or plastid-like DNA or mitochondrial *cox1* sequences from a *Plasmodium* malarial agent of humans contained in a blood sample or derivative thereof. --

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